THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). The total minimum Stocks required to be maintained by the public agencies on 1st January of a year and the existing stocks as on 1.1.1992 are as under:-

(Million Tonnes)

	As on 1.1.1992	*Requirement as per buffer stocking policy*
Rice	9.3	7.7
Wheat	5.4	7.7

(c) The reasons for the shortfall in the stocks of wheat are low procurement during 1991-92 marketing season, higher releases from the Central Pool for Public Distribution System and open sales of wheat.

(d) There will be no impact of the shortfall on Public Distribution System.

(e) Government have decided to import one million tonnes of wheat. Steps will also be taken to maximise procurement in the ensuring Rabi season.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Ayurvedic Colleges and Hospitals in Gujarat

1060. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals submitted to the Union Government by the Government to Gujarat for setting up of Ayurvedic colleges and hospitals and for expansion and increasing grants for the existing ones; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). No proposal for setting up of Ayurvedic College and hospitals has been received from the Government of Gujarat. In fact, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not provide assistance to State Governments for opening new colleges and hospitals. However, request for expansion of Gulab Kunwarba Ayurvedic Mahavidyalaya, and for Reorientation Training Programme from the Gujarat Ayurved University, Jamnagar, were received. These proposals have been considered and assistance will be provided to these institutions.

[*English*]

Food Stocks

1061. SHRI K.P. UNNIKARISHNAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the foodgrains stocks as on June 30, 1991 and December 31, 1991;

(b) whether there has been a depletion of stocks of rice and wheat during this period;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and